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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

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AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application is related to" with the following paragraph:

This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/255,384 entitled "Catalysts for Oxidative Dehydrogenation" (Attorney Docket No. 104060-004-999) to Liu, filed on February 22, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference.